



ARIZONA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Regular Session Minutes

June 5, 2009

Board Members Present: Geri DeWaard, OTR, Chair
Rebecca Grabski, OTA Vice-Chair
Kathryn Babits, OTR Member
John Tutelman, Public Representative
Deborah Devine, Public Representative

Staff Present: Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

Staff Not Present: Wendy H. Hammon Executive Director

Legal Representative: Seth Hargraves, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arizona State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners was called to order at 1:30p.m. Geri DeWaard, Chair presiding.

Roll Call

All Board members were present.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Session Minutes of May 8, 2009

John Tutelman moved to approve the minutes as amended. Kathy Babits seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Declaration of Conflicts

No declarations were made.

Review Meeting Schedule

Following discussion the Board agreed to move their July 10, 2009 Board meeting to July 17, 2009. There were no other changes made to the meeting schedule.

Initial Review of Complaints

There were no new complaints submitted.

Open Complaints

Dixie DeVry – The Board reviewed and discussed the complaint regarding Ms. DeVry. Ms. DeVry appeared before the Board, and was accompanied by her legal counsel Jay A. Fradkin. The Board asked Ms. DeVry questions regarding the complaint. Ms. DeVry answered all the Board's questions. Following discussion Ms. DeWaard made a motion to dismiss the complaint brought against Ms. DeVry due to lack of evidence. Ms. Babits seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Teresa Karjalainen -The Board reviewed and discussed the application of Ms. Karjalainen, and discussed her self-disclosure on her renewal application. Following discussion the Board has moved to invite Ms. Karjalainen in to appear before the Board at their August 14, 2009 Board meeting.

Shane Johnson - The Board reviewed the application of Mr. Johnson and discussed his self-disclosure on his renewal application. Following discussion the Board moved to invite Mr. Johnson in to appear before the Board at their July 17, 2009 Board meeting.

Formal Interview

Matthew Strang- The Board conducted a formal interview regarding the complaint brought against Mr. Strang. The Board questioned and heard from Mr. Strang, Ms. Carrier, and Ms. Tamariz, under oath before a court reporter, regarding the facts and circumstances of the case, including the allegations of the complaint, which Mr. Strang documented and billed for a total of 4 hours that he did not provide OT services.

At the conclusion of the formal interview and after discussion by the Board, Mr. Tutelman moved to adopt the following findings of facts:

- 1) On February 7, 2009, Mr. Strang left the facility where he had been working somewhere around 11:30-12:00 p.m.;
- 2) Mr. Strang submitted billing of 4 hours for time when he was not present as evidenced by testimony from Ms. Tamariz, and the patient interviews conducted by Tracy Carrier.

Ms. Babits seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Tutelman moved to adopt the conclusions of law that Mr. Strang violated § A.R.S. 32-3401 (10) (h), (p), (q), (u), (x), and (c), and A.A.C. R4-43-101 (5) (h), (i), and (m). Ms. Babits seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board then discussed the appropriate disciplinary action. Following discussion Ms. Grabski moved that the Board issue Mr. Strang a decree of censure placing Mr. Strang on 1 year probation, in which time Mr. Strang is to complete not less than 9 hours of continuing education consisting of professional ethics, documentation, and time business management. The continuing education must be pre-approved by the Board, and may not be used by Mr. Strang when submitting continuing education for his next renewal period. Upon successfully completing the Board's order, Mr. Strang can request early termination of his probation. Ms. Babits seconded the motion and a roll call vote

was conducted. Ms. Devine-yes, Mr. Tutelman-yes, Geri DeWaard-yes, Kathryn Babits-yes, Rebecca Grabski-yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Substantive Review, Discussion, and Vote Re: Applications for Licenses as Follows:

a. Initial Application

Rebecca Grabski moved to approve the following list of 11 initial applicants. Kathryn Babits seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Gabriel Gavrila	Robert Graves	James Hill	Renae Kolarik
Debra Miller	Carol Morehouse	Sharla Peterson	LeAnn Reinholt
Kathryn Rivera	Meah Staten	Lynda Walter	

b. Renewal of Licenses

Cari Cooke - The Board reviewed the renewal application of Ms. Cooke and discussed the issue of her continuing to work on an expired license.

Following discussion Mr. Tutelman moved to approve the renewal application of Ms. Cooke. Ms.Devine seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

John Tutelman moved to offer a consent agreement for a decree of censure to Ms. Cooke for practicing without a current license. Within 30 days of the effective date Ms. Cooke shall provide proof to the Board that all clients treated as well as the insurance carriers have been notified that she had provided Occupational Therapy services without a current license. Ms. Babits seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was conducted. Ms. Devine-yes, Mr. Tutelman-yes, Ms. DeWaard –yes, Ms. Babits-yes, Ms. Grabski-yes. The motion passed 5-0.

John Tutelman moved to approve the following list of 47 renewal applicants. Deborah Devine seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

Kathryn Bobe	Susan Grace	Sandra McNeal	Linda Song
John Canyock	Alisha Green	Connie Miller	Kristin St. Clair
Naseem Chenel	Karen Gunn	Jennifer Neal	Angelita Talamantes
Albert Clift	Kathleen Hanson	Bette Nielsen	Brian Thies
Kelli Coleman	Carolyn Hargett	Andrea Nuzzo	Deepali Vidwans
Cari Cooke	Jennifer Holliday	Cristina Parks	Mary Walker
Holly Coulson	Tina Hostetter	James Phillips	Randy Waller
Shelby Donahoo	Gretchen Kaiser	Gloria Prien	Abigail Wool
Richard Ellsworth	Laura Kroepel	Elizabeth Reymann	
Casey Emery	Lisa Lakritz	Steven Rodgers	
Vicki Fox	Durcilla Likens Pape	Brandon Rosenberg	
Jill Fredrickson	Julie Malloy	Lori Scherwenka	
Linda Goudielock	Cheryl Markham	Aaron Shamblin	

c. Limited Permits

Geri DeWaard moved to approve the following limited permit applicant listed. Deborah Devine seconded the motion, and the motion passed 5-0.

Jessica Salyers			
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Other Board Business and Reports

The Board discussed having their pictures and bios put on the website. Following discussion the board moved to table discussion until the July 17, 2009 Board meeting.

Review, discussion and Possible Action on Administrative Matters

a. Revenue and expenditure report

The Board reviewed and discussed the revenue and expenditure report.

b. Administrative Project Status Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Administrative Status Report

New Hire

Vicki Egurrola informed the Board that staff had interviewed candidates for the Administrative Assistant position. The Board stated that they would like to have more resumes reviewed, and to have staff interview more candidates before setting up the final interviews with the Board.

c. Agency Operations and Staffing

Vicki Egurrola reported to the Board that at this time there are no issues to discuss, and that everything is running fine in the office.

Call to the Public

A call for public comment was issued by the Board with no response.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy H. Hammon
Executive Director